

Unit 6

Day 3

Complex Fractions

Def: Complex rational expression- is a rational expression that contains another rational expression in the numerator and/or the denominator

1)

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c} \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} \end{array} \right] \frac{6}{6} = \frac{3+4}{2} = \frac{7}{2}$$

$$2) \quad \frac{\frac{2 - \frac{3}{x}}{1 + \frac{1}{2x}}}{2x} = \frac{4x - 6}{2x + 1} = \frac{2(2x - 3)}{2x + 1}$$

$$2x \left( 2 - \frac{3}{x} \right) = 2x \cdot 2 - \frac{2x \cdot 3}{\cancel{x}} = 4x - 6$$

3)

$$\frac{3 + \frac{1}{y-1}}{1 + \frac{2}{y+1}} \cdot \frac{(y-1)(y+1)}{(y-1)(y+1)} = \frac{3(y^2-1) + 1(y+1)}{(y-1)(y+1) + 2(y-1)}$$

$$= \frac{3y^2 - 3 + y + 1}{y^2 - 1 + 2y - 2}$$

$$= \frac{3y^2 + y - 2}{y^2 + 2y - 3} = \frac{(3y-2)(y+1)}{(y+3)(y-1)}$$

4)

$$\frac{\frac{5}{x^2+5x+6} - \frac{2}{x+3}}{\frac{x-1}{x^2-9}} = \frac{\left[ \frac{5}{(x+3)(x+2)} - \frac{2}{(x+3)} \right] \frac{(x+3)(x-3)(x+2)}{(x+3)(x-3)(x+2)}}{\frac{x-1}{(x-3)(x+3)}}$$

$$= \frac{5(x-3) - 2(x^2-x-6)}{(x-1)(x+2)} = \frac{5x-15-2x^2+2x+12}{x^2+x-2}$$

$$= \frac{-2x^2+7x-3}{x^2+x-2} = \frac{-(2x^2-7x+3)}{(x+2)(x-1)} = \frac{-(2x-1)(x-3)}{(x+2)(x-1)}$$

5)

$$\frac{a^{-1}b + b^{-1}}{(ab)^{-1}} = \frac{\frac{b}{a} + \frac{1}{b}}{\frac{1}{ab}}$$

HOMEWORK:

P. 62: 77-82 (ALL)

WORKSHEET: 2-36 (EVEN)